

## Who is NAIA?

NAIA is an educational organization of business, agricultural, scientific and recreational interests dedicated to promoting responsible animal ownership and use, animal welfare and strengthening the bond between people and animals. NAIA includes thousands of pet owners, dog and cat clubs, obedience clubs and rescue groups as well as breeders, trainers, veterinarians, research scientists, farmers, fishermen, hunters and wildlife biologists.

NAIA works to provide the public with factual information about animal issues, especially those issues that are complex, misunderstood or controversial.

### NAIA

- ⊙ publishes a quarterly newspaper and an award-winning website,
- ⊙ hosts national conferences,
- ⊙ moderates Internet talk lists and animal rescue groups for 50 states,
- ⊙ has a speakers bureau, and
- ⊙ provides experts to public policy makers, media and classrooms.
- ⊙ members serve on local, state and national task force bodies and committees.

NAIA supports ordinary people and professionals as they strive to learn more about animal care and husbandry, or to become better pet owners. NAIA believes that education and tolerance are the keys to progress in a free society and works with all legal animal interest groups that strive for improvements.



*Our members feed, clothe, heal, comfort, entertain, inform, and protect the world.*

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or to join our organization, contact the

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## Animals and Public Policy

Call on NAIA  
for answers!



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To avoid the hornet's nest of animal extremist politics,  
call on NAIA for help with hard-to-solve animal policy matters.

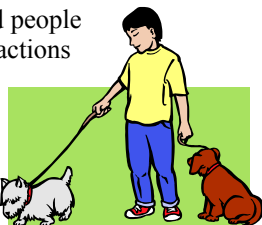
NAIA supports the responsible, humane, and compassionate use of animals in a diverse and free society and opposes radical and emotional campaigns that undermine reasonable solutions to animal issues. NAIA brings expertise and helpful, mainstream solutions to the table.

### Pet control

Too often new pet laws are driven by singular outrageous events that make simplistic solutions seem sensible. However, reactive laws, that ban the ownership of breeds or animal events seldom work, but instead bring unintended consequences that:

- rob responsible animal owners of the ability to share their lives with animals;
- deny responsible breeders and trainers the opportunity to pursue a wholesome hobby or avocation
- limit the number of animals that can be responsibly rescued;
- cause the deaths of animals that must be surrendered to shelters as 'excess baggage';
- are difficult and costly to enforce;
- generate distrust of government.

NAIA will help legislators and agencies write laws with clear health, safety and nuisance standards and definitions, allow for traditional, humane animal husbandry practices, hold people accountable for their actions and the actions of their animals, and protect taxpayers from unnecessary expenses.



### Feral cats

Colonies of feral cats take a toll on songbirds and small mammals. Trapping, impounding, and euthanizing these cats is expensive, but leaving them in place to multiply and perhaps become a reservoir for disease is foolhardy. NAIA offers alternatives to lawmakers and health officials



seeking ways to control the cat populations without wholesale trapping and killing or placing an additional burden on the owners of pet cats that are kept indoors or close to home.

### Pet breeding

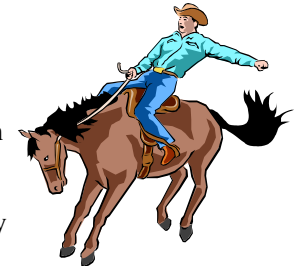
NAIA recognizes that responsible breeders of purebred dogs and cats provide a service to the community by producing mentally and physically healthy animals to be sold as pets, forming associations to sponsor events that bring millions in tourism dollars to their cities, donating to animal health research, helping pet owners solve behavior problems, and contributing to safe integration of animals into the community. Therefore, NAIA offers assistance to lawmakers faced with attempts to regulate these responsible owners, breed enthusiasts and trainers.

### Pet guardians

Pet guardian activists argue that changing the language from 'pet owner' to 'pet guardian' would improve the lot of animals. NAIA notes, however, that according to the activists' own literature, the pet guardian movement is really part of an agenda to end pet ownership, an idea most Americans adamantly oppose. NAIA offers expertise and balance in developing policies that enable people to retain their pets responsibly and humanely.

### Circuses and rodeos

Traditional, family-oriented events such as circuses and rodeos are valuable to the cultural diversity and economy of the community and the celebration of the expertise of animal trainers and handlers. Circuses provide opportunities to appreciate wild animals and to participate in elephant conservation projects, and rodeos bring a bit of Old West history to areas across the country. NAIA supports these traditions when properly managed, believes they should continue, and offers aid to lawmakers facing campaigns to demonize and ultimately ban them from American cities.



### Wildlife control

Deer, bears, geese, beavers, and other wildlife are moving into suburbs and cities, causing headaches for landowners, businesses, drivers, and lawmakers. Property damage costs run into hundreds of millions of dollars, and taxpayers often foot the bill for radical schemes to capture and relocate nuisance animals or hire sharpshooters or trappers to kill them.

NAIA believes that plans for reducing nuisance wildlife should be based on science, economics and humane considerations, not just emotional pleas, and should be implemented with community health and safety in mind. To this end, NAIA offers assistance to lawmakers grappling with these problems and with the radical efforts of some groups to subvert reasonable solutions.